

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3096 - HB 3190

February 21, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that readoption would not be required when a decree, judgment, or final order establishing a parent-child relationship by adoption is issued by a court or other governmental authority with appropriate jurisdiction in a foreign country. The bill also requires that the state registrar prepare a Report of Foreign Birth for a child not born in any state, territory or possession of the United States upon the receipt of a request by the adoptive parents along with the following documentation:

- Authenticated adoption decree in both the foreign language and English translation containing the translator's signature;
- If the decree does not contain all required fields to establish the certificate of foreign birth, then an adoptee's authenticated birth certificate in the foreign language and English and signed by the translator;
- Copy of the permanent residence card or passport containing the official stamped I-551 statement of temporary evidence of permanent residence;
- Copies of the adoptive parents' birth certificates;
- Copies of the adoptive parents' driver licenses or a notarized statement from the licensed adoption agency or adoption investigator that establishes parental residency.

Current state law provides that a child may be readopted who has been adopted in a foreign country, but it is not required under state adoption laws. Federal law may require readoption if the child entered the United States pursuant to particular types of visas.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- if readoptions have occurred that no longer occur under the provision of the bill there will be some decrease in cases in the court system. Such decrease will result in a decrease in state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and a decrease in state and local revenues from fees, taxes and costs not collected; however, such decreases will not be significant.
- the Department of Health will have no change in fees collected for issuing the Report of Foreign Birth and the Department of Children's Services has no change in the maintenance of adoption records.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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